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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Vessey, et al  
Application No. : 09/955,409  
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For : System and Method for Liquid  
Handling Parameters Optimization  
Examiner : Brian R. Gordon  
Art Unit : 1743

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**Mail Stop Amendment**  
**Commissioner for Patents**  
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicants hereby request, under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a one (1) month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated June 30, 2004 that is, up to and including October 30, 2004. A check in the amount of \$110 is enclosed to cover the official fee, as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1).

The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 14-1431 for any additional fees which may be due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17.

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2004, please amend the above-identified application, as follows: